

THE DEFEAT OF MAHONE

Rapture and Delight of Democrats Over Mahone's Calamity.

The New Postmaster at Kokomo--Things Being Equal, or Nearly So, the Soldier is Preferred in the Civil Service--A Statesman's Sorrow.

Special to the Sentinel.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.--The influence of the election in Virginia on thought in Washington, so far as I have been able to discover, would be difficult to faithfully describe. I am writing now exclusively of Democrats. Let's talk about pleasure, but rapture and delight flashed in silver streams, joy flashed like electric light, inspired by Bill Mahone's calamity. "I am glad," said one, "that I have lived to see the treason to party, the violation of confidence and broken promises, made odious. A United States Senator, elected by the Democrats, offered himself for sale, and in the party that under Porcupine made Garfield President, found a purchaser." This the defeat of Mahone is interpreted as rebuking. The patronage of an administration can not bribe the people of a Commonwealth. But for Mahone's ostensible partner in guilt there is evidently a disposition on the part of the public to excuse. He has in his composition, in a marked degree, the elements of a "favorite son," and evidently much will be forgiven him. It was a bad break that he made, and possibly he may recover his hold upon public life, even in the Old Dominion.

Again the Kokomo man succeeds; this time in the person of W. S. Armstrong, appointed Postmaster. Why that Democracy should have been so long afflicted with a Republican, and such a Republican as the gentleman who retired is something I don't grasp. For the reason, perhaps, that it is thought best to "go slow." Armstrong's appointment was hastened by Noah Holly, who made himself agreeable to the clerk, and asked to have Senator Voorhees' recommendation of Armstrong laid upon General Vilas' desk every time that officer called for papers.

Postmaster Walter Scott Armstrong, the newly-appointed, was for eight years Auditor of Tipton County, and, since his removal to Kokomo, long served in the Council, elected from a Republican ward; and was twice chosen Mayor of the city. It will do a great deal of what lays within the scope of Mr. Armstrong's political possibilities and methods, when to tell that his first election was over the defeat of Hon. John W. Kern, whose candidacy was in response to nearly every business man, irrespective of party, in the city. Kokomo then, as now, loves John Kern better than any other man in the world, but she loves Scott Armstrong better than she does John Kern. Armstrong, it appears, has the most winning ways. He is one of those individuals who will always get there.

I was with General Manson when he called upon Assistant Postmaster General Stevenson. Previously I had visited Attorney General Garland, and asked this question: "Say that two men pass an examination for the civil service, but that one who was a soldier falls a fraction behind the youth, who never did military duty, is the appointing power authorized on such cases, to choose them in the order of their per cent.?"

Postmaster Jones, in Indianapolis, is confronted by this character of question. "I regret," was the answer, "that I am not a soldier, but a statute forbids me giving advice, except to the President or members of his cabinet." The Attorney General is as approachable as any member of the Big Four in Indiana, and to his office, on all proper subjects, very communicative.

This being the state of affairs, I asked General Stephenson, after General Manson had shaken him warmly by the hand and assured him that his course had given entire satisfaction to the Democracy of the Wabash, General Stephenson, after a moment's reflection, answered: "The law favors the soldier, but the case is largely optional with the appointing power."

A gentleman in one of the departments whose duties are judicial, and to whom I stated the question at length, has since informed me that his course had given entire satisfaction to the Democracy of the Wabash, General Stephenson, after a moment's reflection, answered: "The law favors the soldier, but the case is largely optional with the appointing power."

A gentleman whom some of his large political capital engages because of his large political power in the neighborhood in which he resides, is also affected to the haggard by the snoring game his poker. He has gained some property one night last week, the Phillips snoring down on them, and the result was that the very select party registered at the station-house and put up their colic for their appearance on Monday.

On Sunday the gentleman whose arrest naturally changed the current of his thought remembered his home in Ohio--an Indian in the land, and he was so moved by the idea of the fair spirit that was his minister and sent him a full file of the Washington Sunday papers. It was the only time that he had ever done such a thing, and he doesn't know why, but I do. The fellow who never gets drunk is never really sober. The fellow who never trudged through Southern mud, as it was spread upon the thoroughfares of Virginia, Tennessee, Mississippi and other States, during the first part of the '60's, under forty pounds of war trappings and on short rations, never realized the exquisite comfort of work in his father's barn. The fellow who has never seen the kitchen--the corner cupboard, stacked with cold victuals. After the rattling, rollicking time of a Saturday night that opened hopefully, but did not turn out well, it is only natural that the victim of this "snoring" should never know that he had been torn by thorns of his own planting. Like Charlie Harold, he had resolved to build again, on some sure ground, and by yesterday had gained some feeling of composure, when there came a letter from his wife. The Sunday papers found to contain a full account of the affair, and the female party took no humorous view of the subject. His wife's speculation on the loss of living in Washington, "Yes," she writes, with the sarcasm of a wife whose eyes have been opened, "you are very sad away from me."

JAP. TURNER.

Emigrant Fares on Steamships.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.--The Continental conference of steamship lines, which met on Monday, have just made public their decision. The rates of emigrant fare to and from this port are as follows: Onward on the Hamburg lines, raised from \$23 to \$25, prepaid from \$22.50 to \$25; North German Lloyd, \$27 on fast steamers and \$25 on slow. Other Continental lines have increased rates on the same basis.

PRESIDENT EDGERTON.

His Appointment to the Civil Service Commission Will Meet With Popular Favor.

The Staging of General Nelson at the Galt House, Louisville, Years Ago, Again the Subject of Comment--The Appointment of J. C. Stranghan.

Special to the Sentinel.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.--An administration that discovers and calls into service such men as Edgerton is amply disposed to believe will never lack for popular confidence. The appointment is universally confirmed with the sanction of popular favor, and the man appointed will give the Commission what it has wanted from the first--respectability. Congressman Hill of Ohio, tells me that Mr. Edgerton is suited to the place of the highest responsibility, and that in the consular or diplomatic service of the Government to-day there is no able man. It may be of interest to the people of Fort Wayne to know that the journalists of Washington have taken kindly to Mr. Edgerton, and that he bids fair to become as popular as it is possible for a member of the Civil Service Commission to be.

The chief interest in the election in this city was in the threatened contest between Tammany Hall, the County Democratic office, and the Republicans for the city and county offices. Tammany Hall came off victorious, and is correspondingly jubilant. That body is particularly pleased at having secured the Sheriffalty, which is a very arduous office. The total vote on the city is 1,200, Tammany 75,000, Jacobus, Republican, 30,000, White County Democracy, 30,000, For County Clerk, Keenan, the present incumbent, has been beaten by Plack, the Tammany nominee. The total vote on the county is 1,200, Tammany 75,000, Jacobus, Republican, 30,000, White County Democracy, 30,000. Keenan, County Democracy, 62,336. Tammany has elected Moore, its candidate for President of the Board of Aldermen. The completion of the newly-elected Board of Aldermen will be seven elected by the County Democracy, eight by Tammany Hall and five by the United Democracy, with four Republicans. The members elected by the United Democracy are of the County Democracy antecedents. Of the three Congresses elected--Levy Nugent and Democrat--the two first names were Tammany Hall candidates. The result on Supreme Court, Barrett, United nominee; on Superior Court, Sedgewick, Republican; on Common Pleas, Bookstaver, Tammany, and Strong, Republican. Judges, Aldermen, Tammany, and Erlich, County Democracy.

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FROM OTHER SHORES.

Editor Stead Says He Made a Blunder and Must Pay the Penalty.

Inclement Weather Causes Great Suffering in the Serbian Army--Sympathy for Prince Alexander--The Porte Arranging for Another Loan.

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LONDON, Nov. 9.--In an interview Editor Stead said to-day: "I am in monstrously good spirits because I regard the trial as having disposed of all the stock charges against my investigation. Let it be remembered that out of 37 columns hardly 3 depend on Mrs. Jarrett's evidence, and that I employed her only at the earliest period before I had learned how to go to work myself. I strongly deprecated any attempt to make a view on my behalf or say that I had been treated unjustly because that is not true. I made a blunder and am now paying the penalty for it. But still I am upheld by the knowledge that my blunder was better than the wisdom of others."

Washington Notes.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.--W. A. Roberts and Thomas H. Foley, of Terre Haute, are here. The change of a Postmaster at Laporte makes Judge Ward happy for the first time since the Democratic majority of his congressional district was legislated out of existence. The continuation of Sample was very annoying to him, as prominent Republicans, including George B. Williams and Helen Gougar, were claimed to have more substantial claims to the office than the Democratic Congressman. The removal of Sample is a work to which Congressman Ward has faithfully addressed himself since the fifth day of last March.

A hard fight was made on John M. Higgs' appointment as Postmaster at Connersville, but the department, upon investigation, found his life a very commendable and exemplary one.

Editorial.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.--Today was set down for the hearing of the telephone cases before the Secretary of the Interior, and the large room of the Assistant Attorney General of the department was crowded with counsel and persons interested in these cases. Secretary Lamar opened the proceedings by stating that nine petitions had been filed in this case. Inasmuch as there seemed to be a concurrence of sentiment and wishes by all the parties interested in this controversy, that the whole case should be taken up at once and considered as a whole, he (Secretary Lamar) preferred that there should be no discussion to-day on the question of the power of the Government to institute a suit to vacate a patent, and that the respective applicants who are moving in this matter should begin with their evidence and submit their cases.

The first case called was that of the Globe Telephone Company. Mr. Humphreys, the attorney for the company, proceeded to read the petitions filed in its behalf. In brief, the petitions set forth that the Patent Examiner who passed Bell's patent was under the impression that it related to a system of multiple telegraphy; that Bell's original telephone was imperative; that this was admitted by himself; that he could not truthfully claim priority of invention of the telephone, because it was commonly known and used before Bell's application; that he had used a telephone in 1849, and that he had not abandoned his invention to the public; that the Bell Company, controlling certain telephone patents, had entered into a contract with the Bell Company to the Western Union Company, by which the latter was to receive 10 per cent. of the profits of the telephone company, and that these great corporations had united to compel the people to pay tribute to them, therefore the Globe Telephone Company prayed the Department of Justice to begin suit to vacate the Bell patent. 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